

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended on page 6 to reflect the changes to Fig. 6 (see concurrently filed Letter Re Drawings), and claims 1-11 have been amended to better define the invention. Entry is requested.

A supplemental page 10 for this application containing an abstract of the disclosure is submitted herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Batting.

The inventor asserts that this rejection cannot be applied to the amended claims. In this regard, amended claim 1 recites that the communication device has a battery and a battery lid (see, for example, original claim 4) and that one and the same surface is provided with both the mechanical and the electrical connection parts and that this surface part is arranged adjacent to the battery lid of the device. In Batting the mechanical connection parts are provided as part of a battery drawer which is hinged to the hearing aid. This battery lid forms an independent surface part which also happens to be detachable from the communication device. In Batting, the electrical connection parts are provided on a different surface part of the communication device. Thus, no single sliding action will be able to connect the mechanical and the electrical connection parts of the accessory and of the communication device at the same time. In order to achieve the connection of both

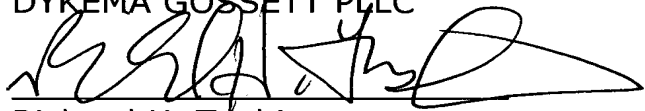
electrical and mechanical parts in a single sliding action, the present application discloses a construction as presented in claim 1. A single sliding action between one surface part of the accessory and one surface part of the communication device allows the two kinds of connections to be gained: electrical and mechanical. This is not possible with the construction described in Batting.

The examiner's prior art rejection based on Batting should be withdrawn and the amended claims allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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